

## Chronology of Approximate Dynastic Periods

<i>Dynastic Period</i>	<i>Years</i>
LEGENDARY SAGE EMPERORS	2852–2255 B.C.
HSIA	2205–1766
SHANG	1766–1045
CHOU	1045–256
Western Chou	1045–770
Eastern Chou	770–256
<i>Spring and Autumn</i>	722–481
<i>Warring States</i>	403–221
CH'IN	221–207
FORMER HAN	206 B.C.–8 A.D.
LATER HAN	23–220
SIX DYNASTIES	222–589
SUI	589–618
T'ANG	618–907
FIVE DYNASTIES	907–959
SUNG	960–1126
SOUTHERN SUNG	1127–1279
YÜAN ( <i>Mongol</i> )	1279–1368
MING	1368–1644
CH'ING ( <i>Manchu</i> )	1644–1911